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1. ROMANIA HAS A LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND A FLEDGLING COORDINATING OFFICE: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NCEP). UNDER THE LAW, RESEARCH AND DESIGN INSTITUTES, MINISTRIES, AND FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS ARE OBLIGED TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS, AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES ALLEGEDLY HAVE SOME SAY IN THE LOCATION OF PROJECTS THEY FEEL MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT. RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION DURING THE PAST DECADE HAS MADE INDUSTRIAL AIR POLLUTION PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE IN SEVERAL ROMANIAN CITIES AND TOWNS.

2. THE NCEP IS LIKELY TO WELCOME CONTACTS WITH EPA IN THE FIELD OF AIR POLLUTION. THE COUNCIL GREATLY ASSISTED LAST WEEK'S USDOC-SPONSORED TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR FOR WATER

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PURIFICATION AND TREATMENT IN BUCHAREST, BY BRINGING

SPECIALISTS TO BUCHAREST FROM ALL OVER ROMANIA AND BY
ARRANGING AN EXCELLENT SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN US COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVES AND RESEARCH AND DESIGN ENGINEERS. THE WORK
WAS COORDINATED BY NCEP SECRETARY GENERAL, MATEI NICOLAU, WHO
DRAFTED THE AIR POLLUTION PORTION OF THE ROMANIAN LAW, AND
WHOSE ONLY COMPLAINT ABOUT THE SEMINAR WAS THAT IT DID NOT
INCLUDE PAPERS ON AIR POLLUTION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME EPA'S VIEWS ON TYPES OF CONTACT WHICH
MIGHT BE PROPOSED TO GOR.
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